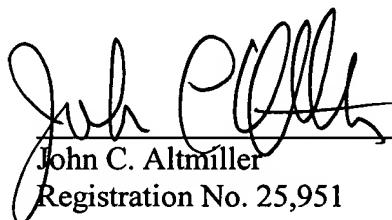


With these amendments, all remaining claims are in condition for allowance, prompt notice of which is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 429-1776 to discuss any information concerning this application.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge the any fees and any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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